

Will Build Sixty Dwellings Here

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COUNTY SURVEYS WESTERN AVENUE

McDowell Makes Public Plans For East Road Courts

Twenty-three Modern Units Will Go Up At Once, With 40 More To Be Constructed Soon

SEES NEED OF 1000 NEW HOMES HERE

Torrance Investment Company Man Declares Hundreds Of Small Dwellings Required To Satisfy Local Demand

Sixty new dwellings for Torrance will be constructed as soon as plans are completed by J. W. McDowell, of the Torrance Investment company.

This was the announcement made Wednesday by Mr. McDowell.

The homes will be built on East road near the White garage.

"Mr. McDowell asserts that work on the construction of the first court, containing 23 units, will start at once. Plans for three modern courts are being prepared. Forty more units will be added.

In making the announcement Mr. McDowell said: "There has been a long-felt want for modern small dwellings in Torrance, well built, con-

venient and attractive, yet within the reach of families that cannot afford to pay prices demanded for larger dwellings. These houses will be lathed and plastered and modern in every detail.

"With the demand for houses persistent in Torrance, I firmly believe that 1000 small dwellings would not provide homes for all that seek to live here.

"The courts will rent furnished. "Children will be welcome. I see no reason for apartment house owners discriminating against families with children. Of course the courts we will build will not be large enough to accommodate families with more than two children."

IMPROVED CLASSIFIED SECTION OF TORRANCE HERALD TAKES ON ENLARGED "BIG CITY" ASPECTS

Local residents who have lived in a "big city" and know the advantages and conveniences of classified advertising in the larger cities, will welcome the announcement that their home paper has taken on a "metropolitan air" in its classified section.

With the establishment of the semi-weekly issue, it is now possible to develop a comprehensive classified section that will be up-to-date on the bargains and needs of the entire district.

In order to encourage a more general use of the classified section, The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News Letter are offering a joint rate, which includes publication in both papers. Whereas the rate, heretofore, has been a flat two cents a word for each insertion, there is now given a substantial discount for additional insertions of the same advertisement. For instance, the one-insertion rate for the combined circulations of both the Torrance and Lomita papers is two cents a word, but the two-insertions rate is only three cents a word. The three insertion rate is four and one-half cents a word, and the rate for four insertions of the same ad is only five cents a word.

TORRANCE IS LOGICAL HUB, SAYS REALTOR

That Torrance is the logical center of the future "city of Southern California," and that real estate values here will steadily increase, was the statement made before the Torrance District Realty board at the Ferncroft cafe Thursday night by E. M. Shepard, president of the Southwest Realty board, and a resident of California for twenty years.

H. Nightingale, vice-president of the Southwest Realty board, father of the multiple listing plan, also spoke.

A splendid turkey dinner was served and the safe management presented the realtors with cigars.

Secretary Trendwell was smoking the gift cigars Friday morning—a proof of the fact that Mr. Meinzer passed out plenty.

SOCIAL CLUB CARD PARTY

The Catholic Club club will hold a card party Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 23, in Catholic hall, on Cota avenue. Mrs. Otto Batsch will be hostess. Admission 25 cents. All are cordially invited.

TO BUILD NEW HOSPITAL ON NARBONNE AVE.

Dr. John Norman, late of Oxnard, Calif., where he has recently left a large surgical practice, and Dr. Arthur L. Davis, now associated with Drs. French and Early of the Golden State hospital, Los Angeles, have formed a partnership with Dr. R. J. Sewall, now conducting the emergency hospital in the Torrance-Lomita field at 311 Narbonne avenue, and the three physicians and surgeons will start the erection this week of a modern emergency hospital, according to plans and specifications of Abbott & Nelly, the local contractors.

AWARDED CEDAR CHEST

Miss Josephine Turner was winner of the cedar chest donated by the Jennings Tent Shows in Torrance last week. Miss Turner was voted the most popular girl in Torrance. She lives at Carson and Western.

City Clerk Bartlett was authorized to purchase an adding machine for use in the office of the city clerk and city engineer.

DOHENY AND STANDARD PLAN FOR BIG DRILLING PROGRAM ON MARBLE RANCH PROPERTY

Intense development of the Marble ranch properties by the Petroleum Securities corporation and the Standard Oil company was assured this week, when the former company staked out locations for 25 new wells and Standard rushed work on two immense storage tanks and supply shops.

All of this land lies west of present production. Standard is expected to stake out a score or more locations on the big

lease, as is evidenced by the storage facilities now under construction. Development of the Marble ranch will force the Santa Fe to locate many offsets on the Torrance lease across the old Redondo road.

Doheny interests this week signed a lease on thirty acres south and east of the Chanlor-Canfield's fifty-acre Kettler lease, east of Narbonne avenue. The lease was made by the Petroleum Securities corporation, of which the Pan American is the parent company.

F. E. STEWART BUYS J. W. POST INTEREST IN LOMITA BANK

F. E. Stewart, formerly of Oregon and Lincoln, Neb., has acquired a controlling interest in the Lomita State bank from J. Wallace Post, according to an announcement made by Mr. Post today.

Mr. Stewart, it is expected, will be elected president of the Lomita bank and plans to make his home in Lomita and devote all of his time to active management of the institution. He is a man of long experience in the banking business.

Mr. Stewart and his family are old

friends of Mr. Post and the late Judge Post.

It was this old acquaintance that brought about the exchange of the controlling interest in the Lomita bank.

Mr. Stewart came to Southern California on a vacation from Oregon and called on his old friend, Mr. Post. While here he went to Lomita with Mr. Post, and was so impressed with the promise of the community that he persuaded Mr. Post to transfer controlling interest in the bank.

TO DEDICATE SCHOOL HERE JANUARY 25th

Mrs. Dorsey Will Make Presentation Address To City

There will be a "housewarming" at the Torrance elementary school building on Friday evening, Jan. 25, at 7:30 o'clock, at which time representatives of the board of education will formally dedicate the new structure to the use of the people of Torrance.

Refreshments will be served by the Parent-Teacher association.

It is expected that Superintendent Dorsey will make an address of dedication, to which Mayor W. H. Gilbert will respond on behalf of the city of Torrance.

Professor Barnett Tuesday afternoon informed the directors of the Chamber of Commerce that the auditorium will be formally opened in about two months.

A play will be given by Torrance students.

Mr. Barnett explained that the auditorium, which will seat almost 1000 persons, will be available for all public meetings. If admission is charged, he asserted, 10 per cent of the proceeds must be turned over to the local student body, the money to be used in the purchase of scenery and other necessities for the auditorium.

Mr. Barnett announced that a class in parliamentary law will be conducted each Tuesday night. To cover the cost of a qualified teacher, students of the class will pay \$5 for the term of ten lessons. Application should be made to Mrs. F. L. Parks at the Torrance Plumbing company, Marcelina street.

Auto Club Members May Get Licenses Here Next Tuesday

Members of the Automobile Club of Southern California will be able to secure their 1924 license plates at the First National Bank of Torrance on Tuesday, Jan. 22, when Willard S. Christopher of the club will be on hand to provide this service. Mr. Christopher will be at the bank from 9 to 2 o'clock.

The 1924 fee for pleasure cars, regardless of size or make, is \$3.

Commercial cars are required to pay according to weight. Applicants for commercial car licenses must present a certificate of weight.

In response to a request from the Seaboard Oil company for a pipe line franchise on streets in the unrestricted district of Torrance, the trustees instructed the city attorney to advertise for bids for same.

CARL HYDE IS NEW DIRECTOR OF STATE BANK

Officers Of Exchange Are Re-Elected For Another Year

Carl Hyde, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, was elected a director of the State Exchange bank at the annual meeting held Tuesday.

Mr. Hyde has been a stockholder in the State Exchange bank since the organization of the institution. The stockholders consider his addition to the directorate a splendid asset to the organization on account of his wide acquaintance, knowledge of local conditions and affairs, and the high esteem in which he is held throughout the city.

Other directors elected are J. B. Hines, Anton Huber, R. A. Huber, O. B. Kee, O. E. McCartney, W. E. B. Partridge.

The following officers were re-elected: President, J. B. Hines, vice-presidents, O. B. Kee and O. E. McCartney; cashier, R. A. Huber.

City Dads Plan To Meet Monday Nights In Future

Meetings of the Torrance board of trustees will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, as soon as a new ordinance setting the new dates is passed. The board Tuesday night instructed the city attorney to prepare such an ordinance. When the new ordinance takes effect notification will be made through The Herald.

CATHOLIC CARD PARTY

Mrs. Clyde Anderson made a very charming hostess at the card party in the Catholic hall Monday night, Jan. 14. A large crowd was in attendance and a royal good time was enjoyed by all. These card parties are becoming very popular and each Monday night finds many new faces. Mrs. Anderson served dainty and delicious refreshments. Mrs. Lewis J. Smith won the door prize.

Mr. McLean was awarded the gentlemen's first prize, Gus Bray the second, and Joe Peterson the gentlemen's consolation. Miss Rosa Ortman won the ladies' first, Mrs. Joe Peterson the second, and Mrs. McCarthy the ladies' consolation.

Mrs. Mike Jessome will be the hostess on Monday night, Jan. 21. An unusually good time is promised.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

Mrs. Laura Anderson, registrar of voters in Torrance, announces that she will take registrations at Johnston's real estate office, in the rear of the First National Bank building, Saturday from 2 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Engineers Busy as Torrance Trustees Adopt Paving Plan

WATCH OUT!

They're Hauling Nitroglycerin Over Torrance Streets

If you see a wagon decorated with red flags sauntering through town, run for your life.

There is nitroglycerine in those wagons—enough to blow the city of Torrance into smithereens.

Yes, the oil companies are using Torrance streets for transporting large quantities of the powerful explosive.

One flivver, crashing into one of those wagons, and Blooie!—there would go the town.

So the trustees instructed the ordinance committee to prepare an ordinance prohibiting the transportation of high explosives through the streets of the city. As soon as the ordinance is passed these dangerous loads will have to go around.

It was reported to the trustees that one truck of "nitro" sailed up Cabrillo avenue the other day at a speed of about 25 miles an hour.

SCHOOL BOARD NOT TO LEASE LAND FOR OIL

Secretary Sheldon Assures C. of C. of New Decision

The board of education will not lease Torrance school property for oil purposes.

This was assured when Secretary Harry Gadeley of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday received a letter from Secretary William Sheldon of the board.

The letter follows: "Referring to your letter of Dec. 13, 1923, with reference to the drilling of oil wells in Torrance.

"Please be advised that the Board of Education deem it inadvisable under existing conditions to attempt to lease any portion of the Torrance school sites for oil purposes at this time.

"Very truly yours, "WILLIAM A. SHELDON, "Secretary, Board of Education."

The decision of the board of education is a result of a meeting held in Torrance when local civic organizations and clubs objected strenuously to the proposed leasing of the school property. Since then development near the school sites has shown that the land is on the edge of the oil structure.

TRUSTEES PUT FIRE BOYS ON CITY PAYROLL

Volunteers Will Get \$1 For Drills and \$2.50 For Alarms

Members of the Torrance volunteer fire department will be paid for their services in the future.

The trustees Tuesday night adopted the following schedule of payment: One dollar to each fireman reporting at drill, there being two drills for each fireman a month;

Two dollars and a half for each fireman answering an alarm. If firemen work at a fire longer than one hour they will be paid one dollar for each additional hour.

The trustees were loud in their praise of the work done recently by the firemen. It was pointed out that several of the men ruined shoes and clothes at the two recent oil derrick blazes.

Reduced rates on classified ads for over one insertion.

County Road Men Complete Preliminary Work On Highway

L. A. AT WORK TOO

Action Of County And Two Cities Assures Through Pavement

Three-way action—by Torrance trustees, the city of Los Angeles, and the county—this week practically assured the completion of the unpaved portion of Western avenue and the opening next spring of a new through paved way from the mountains to the sea, via Torrance and Lomita.

Here are the three events that took place this week:

1—Torrance trustees Tuesday night unanimously passed a resolution of intention to pave the highway to the northern Torrance limits and adopted plans and specifications prepared by City Engineer J. J. Jessup.

2—County engineers completed a survey of the highway from the Torrance limits to 190th street.

3—Los Angeles city engineers surveyed the road from 190th street to the end of the present pavement.

"Public Necessity" Declaring the work a "public necessity" and of benefit to the entire city, the Torrance trustees, amid applause from the audience, passed a resolution of intention to create a city-wide assessment district for the pavement.

According to the plans of the board, the assessments will be so made that owners of property abutting on Western avenue will pay an amount equivalent to the cost of six feet of the proposed 30-foot pavement, this proportion being the same as was proposed at the recent bond election.

The trustees proceeded under the requirements of the Improvement Act of 1911 and the Improvement Bond Act of 1915.

Here Are Specifications The specifications call for a 3 1/2-inch concrete base and a 2 1/2-inch Willite wearing surface. The street will be graded to a width of 100 feet. Cement curbs and gutters will be constructed.

The resolution of intention passed by the board sets February 5 as the date when objections to the proposal may be made at a meeting of the trustees in the city hall.

To the taxpayers the present paving plan is equivalent to that recently proposed at the election, except that under the statutes, in the present case, the bonds will be retired in about ten, instead of twenty years.

Engineer Weary of the county engineering department told a representative of The Herald that he had received orders to make the survey and sought information regarding what action the city of Torrance is taking regarding the pavement inside the Torrance limits. When informed that the Torrance trustees Tuesday night passed a resolution of intention to pave the highway, he communicated with City Engineer Jessup on the specifications of the city pavement.

Plans Co-operation "In case the supervisors appropriate money out of the general fund to pave Western avenue," said Mr. Weary, "we would like to start the work so that it will be completed at the same time that Torrance completes its pavement. Of course I am not authorized to say that the county will appropriate the money. We only received orders to make the survey."

Promise Recalled Prior to the recent bond election in Torrance members of the board of supervisors assured a delegation of Torrance business men that they would co-operate fully in getting Western avenue paved through.

The surveying of the road by the county and city of Los Angeles engineers seems to indicate that they are keeping that promise. It now seems most probable that work on the pavement will start in March, so that the new highway from the mountains to the sea will be open for travel in the spring.